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Oregon Center for
NURSING

FRIDAY HUDDLE

A gathering of Oregon nursing workforce leaders to offer timely updates and share insights from peers and stakeholders.

Nursing Workforce

Mental and Behavioral Health Infrastructure: Huddlers discussed how to increase access to and create infrastructure for behavioral health and mental health services. One huddler highlighted the importance of incorporating first responders and community partners into these efforts. We also explored the group's interest in a regional or statewide summit. Interested volunteers can contact admin@oregoncenterfornursing.org and shillamc@up.edu for different ways to get involved.

Nurse Licensure Compact: In response to last week's conversation about Oregon's status in the [Nurse Licensure Compact](#) (NLC), OCN will convene an Advisory Group to explore any necessary education and research. If you are interested in volunteering for an initial discussion on Tuesday, July 25, from 2-3 p.m., email Jana.Bitton@oregoncenterfornursing.org.

CNA Roles: Huddlers inquired about ongoing discussions to combine traditional CNA-1 and CNA-2 positions into one singular role and duties. A representative from OSBN confirmed that [a RAC](#) is being formed to discuss the potential merger.

Nursing Education

Transition to Practice Conference: Inspired by past Friday Huddle conversations, the Oregon Center for Nursing is planning a conference around the transition to practice for new nursing graduates and residency programs. The event is tentatively scheduled for April 2024 in partnership with PeaceHealth. OCN is seeking volunteers for the conference planning committee, including educators and professionals from long-term care and rural facilities. To get involved, please contact Jana Bitton at Jana.Bitton@oregoncenterfornursing.org.

Scholarship Opportunities for NP Students: The Nurse Practitioners of Oregon (NPO) is calling for applications for its [annual scholarship program](#) open to current NP students across Oregon. Applications are due by August 15.

Clinical Partners and National Accreditation Standards: We discussed early rumors of clinical partners only accepting placements for students enrolled in a nationally-accredited nursing program—part of Division 21. Huddlers from Asante and Legacy had not heard about their organizations installing such guidelines. OSBN held its final [RAC advisory meeting](#) on July 11.

Events and Happenings

NPO Annual Educational Conference: The Nurse Practitioners of Oregon will host its annual conference in Bend, Oregon, from September 28-30, 2023. The conference is CE-eligible. The organization is seeking student volunteers to assist during the event in exchange for free attendance. Learn more and register through the [NPO website](#).

Next Friday Huddle:

Friday, July 21, at 8:00 a.m.

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